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SUBJECT: BRITISH MILITARY AID TO KENYA

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1. ACCORDING TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION OFFICERS IN NAIROBI, TURKEY HAS REFUSED BRITISH REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE TO AIRLIFT URGENTLY NEEDED MUNITIONS TO KENYA. TURKS REPORTEDLY HAVE TOLD BRITISH THAT THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE DIVULGED PURPOSE OF AIRLIFT AS THIS MADE IT "ARAB" ISSUE AND TURKEY DOES NOT WISH TO BE PUT IN POSITION OF KNOWINGLY ANTAGONIZING ARAB COUNTRIES.

2. OTHER POSSIBLE AIRLIFT ROUTES TO KENYA WERE ALSO EXPLORED BUT HAVE PROVED INFEASIBLE. WHILE SUDAN GAVE PERMISSION, EGYPT DID NOT. AIRLIFT FROM ISRAEL VIA SUDAN ALSO PROVED UNWORKABLE AS BRITISH CONCLUDED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN CLEARANCES FROM JORDAN AND SAUDIA ARABIA IN ORDER TO OVERFLY GULF OF AQABA.

3. BRITISH AND KENYANS NOW SAID TO BE RESIGNED TO NECESSITY OF SHIPPING MUNITIONS TO KENYA BY SEA.

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